



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Louisiana has one five-parish nonattainment area for the pollutant ozone; and

WHEREAS, while we recognize that Louisiana's air is better now than it was 25 years ago, there is still much work to do; and

WHEREAS, ozone pollution is caused by a series of chemical reactions that take place in the presence of sunlight on hot days when the air is stagnant and there is little or no wind; and

WHEREAS, ozone is harmful to breathe at high levels, and that affects children, persons with respiratory problems and other sensitive individuals; and

WHEREAS, even small measures taken by individuals can make a difference in ozone reduction when multiplied by the total number of those in our community willing to help with the problem; and

WHEREAS, May is Clean Air Month nationally and is aimed at raising public awareness about the need for every Louisianian to work to reduce air pollution and to work for the availability of cleaner transportation options; and

WHEREAS, everyone can make a difference in Louisiana's air quality by making changes in their routines, such as fueling after 6 p.m., mowing or using gasoline-powered gas engines after 6 p.m., carpooling, taking public transportation, maintaining their cars and driving "emission wise," and by spreading the word; and

WHEREAS, "It all adds up to cleaner air" for us and for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 2004, as

CLEAN AIR MONTH

in the state of Louisiana, and encourage all residents to participate in this worthwhile effort.



Attest By
The Governor

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 29th day of April
A.D., 2004.*

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana